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SUBJ: PLO ISSUE IN 29TH UNGA

1. ISRAELI PERMREP TEKOAH CALLED AT HIS REQUEST OCT 9 AND GAVE US "FORMAL " ISRAELI VIEW ON PLO ISSUE. HE SAID ISRAEL IS OPPOSED TO ANY RESOLUTION OR CONSENSUS THAT WOULD INVITE PLO TO NEW YORK ON ANY TERMS. "WE REQUEST US TO VOTE 'NO' AND TO TRY TO MOBILIZE OTHER QUALITATIVELY IMPORTANT 'NO' VOTES."
 2. TEKOAH'S REASONS WERE: (1) STATED OBJECTIVE OF PLO IS DESTRUCTION OF A STATE-ISRAEL; (2) PLO'S METHOD IS TERRORISM; AND (3) APPEARANCE OF PLO REPS BEFORE GA FORUMS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND TO THE CHARTER .
 3. ISRAEL USING ITS INFLUENCE VIGOROUSLY WHEREVER IT HAS LEVERAGE (WE HAVE HAD DIRECT REPORTS OF STRONG ISRAELI DELEGATION PRESSURE ON SOME LATINS) TEKOAH MENTIONED NICARAGUA AND GRENADA AS TWO WESTERN HEMISPHERE STATES THAT HAD AGREED TO VOTE "NO" .
 4. TEKOAH WENT ON TO SAY US AND JORDANIANS ARE AWARE OF IMPLICATION FOR PEACE NEGOTIATION OF RECOGNITION OF PLO. "GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL COULD FIND ITSELF WITH NO FLEXIBILITY."
 5. I TOLD TEKOAH I WAS PLEASED TO HAVE HIS FORMAL POSITION , WHICH CONTAINED NO SURPRISES. THERE IS HAPPY
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CONFLUENCE OF US AND ISRAELI VEIWPOINTS. USUN HAD BEEN

MAKING INCREASINGLY FORCEFUL REPRESENTATIONS INDICATING
TO ALL THAT WE ARE UNCOMPROMISING IN OUR ATTITUDE AND
DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE EFFECTS. I MADE POINTS
CONTAINED IN STATE 221205.

6. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF LOBBYING TACTICS IN NEW
YORK, I FOUND TEKOA'S STATED VIEWS AND BASIC UNDERSTANDING
OF PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES FAIRLY CLOSE TO OUR OWN. HE
IS UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT WE CAN SUCCEED IN GETTING
LARGE NUMBER OF VOTES; HOWEVER, HE STOUTLY PROFESSES HOPE THAT
IT MAY YET BE POSSIBLE TO FIND A FEW "QUALITY" VOTES IN WESTERN
EUROPE TO GO ALONG WITH HANDFUL OF "NO'S " THAT ALL-OUT ISRAELI
DIPLOMACY MAY LINE UP AMONG LATINS, AFRICANS AND ASIANS.
WE EXPECT HE PRIVATELY RECOGNIZES NO WEO IS LIKELY TO
VOTE NO AND THAT PROBLEM IS TO KEEP THEM IN ABSTENTION COLUMN.
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